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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-296311 discloses absorption of SO_x, NO_x and CO₂ from exhaust gases wherein SO_x, NO_x and CO₂ form crystals by neutralizing with an absorbent. The crystals are heated and decomposed to regenerate the absorbent. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

2. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Application No. 2002-126439 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 04-190831

4. Japanese Patent Application No. 03-038219

5. Japanese Patent Application No. 05-023535

6. Japanese Patent Application No. 05-111614

7. Japanese Patent Application No. 50-36374

8. Japanese Patent Application No. 06-211528

9. Japanese Patent Application No. 61-146318

10. Japanese Patent Application No. 06-210129

11. Japanese Patent Application No. 63-036815

12. Japanese Patent Application No. 04-290526

13. World Intellectual Property Organization Publication No. 01/05489 A1

An English-language abstract of documents 1-6, 8 and 10-13 is enclosed.

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In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of non-English documents 2-13 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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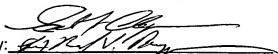
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